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GEO. H. FERRIER,  
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H.M. Treasury Chief Officer

His Majesty's Treasury Office,  
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31st March, 1904.

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#### NOTICE.

FROM This Date, and during the  
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E. GORTZ,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 30, 1904.

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE,  
1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF  
TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT  
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NING COMPANY LIMITED carrying on  
business at Shanghai in the Empire of  
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day of January, 1904, applied for the  
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of Trade Marks of the following Trade  
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上海機器紡紗公司  
(read: SHANGHAI HOI KI HOI FONG  
SHE KONG SHI) meaning in English  
the Shanghai Machine Spinning  
Company, and below which is the  
name of the Company "The Shang-  
hai Cotton Spinning Company,  
Limited,"

in the name of The Shanghai Cotton Spin-  
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The Trade Mark has been used by the  
Applicants since the month of December,  
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myself has this day been dissolved by  
mutual consent. I shall continue to carry  
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under my own name.

J. H. SWAN.  
Hongkong, March 28, 1904.

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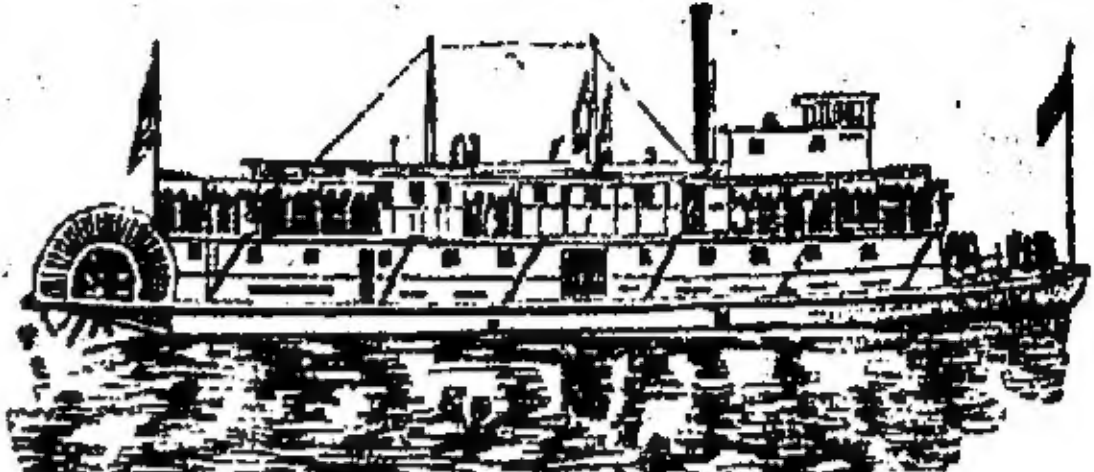
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Hongkong, April 2, 1904.







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### THE WITNESS AND THE COURT.

[BY THE EARL OF DUNELM IN "N.A.P."]

I should be altogether unworthy of the county to which I belong if I did not conclude with a Devonshire comedy, and, though I am aware that the tale which I am about to tell has been published, I cannot but believe that it is worthy of a wider circulation than it has ever yet obtained. It deals with a witness as impenetrable by the provision of Nature as Sam Weller made himself by refined art. The case to be tried was one that concerned a horse, an animal which should be as clear to a lawyer as to a hunting man, in view of its constant appearance in the law courts.

In this case, a certain person was accused of having stolen a horse, and one of his neighbors was summoned to attend in order to give evidence on behalf of the defense. How the examination in chief passed off we are not told, but in due course examination began, and proceeded in the following manner:

'You are a friend of the defendant?'  
'No, please your Honor.'  
'Well, an acquaintance?'  
'No, please your Honor, I'm not.'  
'Well, you know him at any rate?'  
'We passed him one day, please your Honor.'

'That will do. Now, did he ever say anything to you about this horse?'  
'Which horse, please your Honor?'  
'Which horse? Why, this horse, the horse that he is accused of stealing, the horse that will keep us here all day.'

'Please your Honor, I'll tell you. He said to me, "How about the horse?" and he said to me, "He didn't know nothing about the horse."

'Now, witness, stop! This is important. Tell me exactly what he said. I want his actual words.'  
'Please your Honor, I've just told you. I said to him, "How about the horse?" and he said to me, "He didn't know nothing about the horse."

'He didn't say he did not know anything about the horse.'

'Yes, please your Honor, he did. I wouldn't be telling your Honor a lie.'  
'But you don't understand what I mean. He did not speak to you in the third person.'

'Please your Honor, there wasn't a third person there, there wasn't none but he and I.'

'No, no. But I mean that I suppose he spoke to you in the first person.'

'No, please your Honor, he didn't. I was the first person to speak to him, and I said to him, "How about the horse?" and he said to me, "He didn't know nothing about the horse."

'And now it occurred to the judge that the time had arrived at which he might advantageously intervene and clear up the difficulty.'

'Stop, witness,' he said, 'and attend to me. This is what I suppose, took place: You said to him, "How about the horse?"'  
'Yes, please your Honor, I did.'

'Well, then, he said to you, "I don't know anything about the horse."'  
'No, please your Honor, he didn't. He never spoke of your Lordship at all.'

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1. Providing additional comforts in Hospital treating ALL Sick and Wounded from the War.
2. Subscriptions in aid of the families of Japanese killed in the War.

It is proposed to communicate with His Britannic Majesty's Minister at Tokyo as to the distribution of the fund to the best advantage.

The respective Funds will be administered at the discretion of the Committee for the above mentioned objects.

The following have agreed to serve on committees:  
Honble. Sir C. Paul Chater, C.M.G.  
Honble. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G.  
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Sir PAUL CHATER has agreed to act as Chairman, while Mr SMITH and Mr HEWETT will act as Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary respectively.

Subscriptions Lists will be circulated in due course.

EDMUND A. HEWETT,  
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Hongkong, March 11, 1904.

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### His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	1700	—	3000	Comdr. O. de B. Brook	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	12,950	18	13,500	Captain T. H. M. Jorram	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	12,950	18	13,500	Comdr. R. E. Nugent	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	11,000	10	13,000	Capt. Charles Wyndham, C.V.O.	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Captain F. O. Sturford	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	710	8	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	710	8	1300	Lieut.-Com. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Fegan	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	5600	11	390	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Singapore
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Nowchwang
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	380	6	6700	Comdr. P. V. Lawes, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	1880	12	3200	Captain W. A. Carter	Weihaiwei
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	12,950	18	13,500	Lieut.-Com. H. L. Well	Weihaiwei
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	275	6	4000	Comdr. J. D. Dalrymple	Weihaiwei
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. G. B. Powell	Weihaiwei
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	1640	8	800	Hon. N. G. Skopford	Kobe
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	280	8	3900	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Macao
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	14,100	—	31,642	Captain R. F. Foote, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. G. G. Webster	Weihaiwei
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Comdr. W. H. Nicholson	Shanghai
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	350	6	6300	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	1015	8	1400	Com. P. St. A. Waite	Shanghai
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	835	6	650	Lt.-Com. John P. Iren	Canton
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	980	6	1400	Comdr. T. Jackson	Shanghai
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	85	2	240	Capt. G. H. H. Moore	West River
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	3600	8	9000	Lt.-Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	85	2	240	Comdr. Lewis Bayly	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	355	6	6300	Commodore Dickson	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	260	11	6500	Lt.-Comdr. E. V. Dugmore	Yangtze
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	5600	11	9600	Capt. J. A. C. Wilkinson	Weihaiwei
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	4650	6	450	Lieut. Forbes	Hankow
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	180	2	800	Capt. Leslie Stuart, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	3400	8	9000	Comdr. S. St. John Farquhar	Singapore
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	363	3	290	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Hongkong
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	12,950	18	13,500	In Reserve	Hankow
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	980	10	1400	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Yangtze
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	355	6	6300		
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	620	2	550		
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	360	6	5900		
Albatross	gunboat, 1st class	150	2	550		
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### Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	2437	18	7300	Capt. Friedrich Gruzenbergen	Shanghai
Kaiserin Elisabeth.	Austrian cruiser	4000	—	—	Captain Mirth	Chafso
Acheron	French gunboat	1796	—	—	Captain Ladarriere	Saigon
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varney	Canton
Argus	French gunboat	475	3	450	Capt. Orespin	Canton
Aspic	French gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Journet	Saigon
Arabanche	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Haron	Haiphong
Bugard	French cruiser	3740	29	9000	Capt. Lafevre	Shanghai
Chateaufort	French cruiser	5018	18	—	Captain V. Poldons	Chienulpo
Comete	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commander Lons	Haiphong
Decidie	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commander Guthsell	Saigon
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Gollour	Haiphong
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécus	Saigon
Montalm	French cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Captain Aros	Saigon
Orly	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Pascal	French cruiser	4015	27	8500	Captain Sebbs	Chienulpo
Redoubtable	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	—	Saigon
Stryx	French cruiser	1796	10	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain Thomas	Hongkong
Tuktuk	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtze
Takou	French destroyer	—	—	—	Lieut. Gallard	Saigon
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Blonde	Along Bay
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Carol	Carton
Vipere	French gunboat	400	4	441	Co. ndr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Amoy
Friedrich Stenmark	German cruiser	11,000	28	14,000	Captain Prowe	Kiautschow
Geier	German cruiser	1776	15	2900	Comdr. von Stauditz	Shanghai
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	24	10,000	Capt. van Sommer	Kiautschow
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	27	10,000	Capt. Baron Schimmler	Kiautschow
Ilia	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Capt. Baron M. Hülsemann	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Wilbrandt	Kobe
Loche	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Kroencke	Kiautschow
Möwe	German gunboat	1529	15	2800	Comdr. Faepel	Hongkong
Seeadler	German gunboat	1640	15	1900	Comdr. Pontius	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	800	10	1300	Comdr. Deuling	Chienulpo
Vorwärts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. von Welse	Shanghai
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Shanghai
Elba	Italian cruiser	2730	10	7471	Captain Volocelli	Shanghai
Piemonte	Italian cruiser	2437	24	12,000	Captain Ducas	Shanghai
Venueio	Italian cruiser	4500	24	6820	Captain Zesi	Shanghai
Vittorio Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Cahi	Shanghai
Dia	Portuguese gunboat	790	—	—	Captain Diogo do Sa	Hongkong
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barboza L al	Macao
Alouet	Russian gunboat	810	6	730	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Anaur	Russian cruiser	2800	5	4700	Comdr. Gramatichikov	Port Arthur
Aekold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Reitzenstein	Sunk (?)
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	10	16,500	—	Port Arthur
Bayarin	Russian cruiser	3200	6	—	—	Sunk
Bogor	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Erjokovitch	Port Arthur
Diana	Russian cruiser	6840	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Digibill	Russian gunboat	6731	6	—	—	Port Arthur
Guidamak	Russian gunboat	1456	3	1700	Capt. Nasarovsky	Port Arthur
Gremiatshy	Russian gunboat	509	9	3500	Comdr. Zourif	Port Arthur
Gromobol	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Zagarsauky	Port Arthur
Guiliak	Russian cruiser	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jensen	Vladivostok
Koreetz	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumof	—
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Sunk
Narvan	Russian gunboat	1324	7	1400	Comdr. Novakowsky	Shanghai
Novik	Russian battleship	10,208	12	9000	Commander Crown	Port Arthur
Otravaj	Russian cruiser	3000	6	17,000	—	—
Pallada	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasiloff	Port Arthur
Porevriet	Russian cruiser	6731	12	—	—	Asbore (?)
Petropavlovsk	Russian battleship	12,674	16	14,500	Captain Koroleff	—
Pobeda	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	12,674	16	14,500	Capt. Zourif	Port Arthur
Rostovskiy	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Capt. Zourif	Port Arthur
Sashybnys	Russian cruiser	1334	10	1776	Captain Osmid	Port Arthur
Sebastian	Russian battleship	12,902	16	16,000	Comdr. Livan	Asbore (?)
Sessia	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	18	17,000	Captain Sepekrannipol	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	23	13,250	Capt. Matsuevich	Vladivostok
Savastopol	Russian battleship	10,960	16	10,600	Captain Seberennikoff	Port Arthur
Silach	Russian gunboat	900	3	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Sivochet	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1200	Comdr. Gluter	Newchwang
Sivochet	Russian battleship	12,900	38	16,300	—	Asbore (?)
Vasya	Russian cruiser	650	27	20,000	Capt. Bahr	Sunk
Vendik	Russian gunboat	600	9	3800	Comdr. Zagorlansky-Kiesel	Port Arthur
Zabiyaka	Russian cruiser	1230	15	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3500	—	—	Capt. Dyer	Cavite
Annapolis	U. S. gunboat	1030	6	1227	Capt. Rohrer	Shanghai
Calais	U. S. cruiser	225	—	—	Lieut. Miller	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3313	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	—
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1150	—	1600	Captain Denild	Shanghai
Eleanor	U. S. gunboat	540	—	—	Lt. Comdr. J. Hood	Shanghai
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1292	8	1988	Comdr. Stanton	Shanghai
*Kentucky	U. S. flag ship	11,500	41	10,000	Captain R. M. Berry	—
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	9000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Monocacy	U. S. gunboat	1970	6	550	Captain Denild	Taku
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4384	4	584	Comdr. Denild	Canton
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	4	—	—	Comdr. Denild	Kobe
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	4387	90	—	Comdr. Denild	Manila
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	10,288	45	—	Captain Barwell	Shanghai
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	4900	—	—	Commander G. E. Dyer	Chienulpo
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	3213	—	—	Captain Nazaro	Shanghai
Villaboa	U. S. gunboat	1000	13	1118	Commander Marshall	Shanghai
Wilkeson	U. S. gunboat	400	—	—	Lieut. L. O. Bertolotto	Shanghai
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1897	5	1894	Comdr. U. N. Harris	Shanghai



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TUESDAY, April 5.

Tender-Auction of Leasehold Property

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TUESDAY, April 11.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

By the Way.

The Straits Legislative Council has an

official shorthand writer.

In the last Government Gazette at

Singapore there were no less than 32

orders of appointment.

A telegram from Kuala Lumpur, on

the 28th March, announces the death there

of Swin, manager of the Malaysian

Army of Raub.

Princess Suzuki has presented five

hundred rolls of hand-made bandages to

the Kyoto branch of the Volunteer Nur-

sing Association.

Having already taken Port Arthur and

annihilated the opposing armies, the

Mitsubishi Company now announces that

Port Arthur has supplies for one month

only.

The death is reported at Penang of

Mr. H. S. Charwood, for so many years

connected with the firm of Boustead &amp; Co.

During his stay in Singapore Mr. Charwood

was well known and much liked. The

cause of death was cancer of the stomach.

A Home paper received by the mail

yesterday states:—Don Jaime de Bourbon

and his sister, Princess Alice, are expected

at St. Petersburg shortly. They will leave

for the Far East, Don Jaime on the staff of

General Kutropatin, and his sister as a

member of the Red Cross Society.

Hongkong Naval Dock.

It is stated in the Naval Estimates

that good progress has been made with the

dockyard extension at Hongkong. We

believe that satisfactory and substantial

progress is being made with the dock, the

most important portion of the work.

Te Deum.

The following is taken from *The**World*:—(The *Tar* attended a service at St.

Petersburg to return thanks for the

victory at Port Arthur.)

At last we have captured a junk,

Give lead to our heroes and thank

them!

The Japanese sent in four ships to be

sunk.

And, praise be to Heaven, we sank

them!

Tanjong Pagar Dock Co.

The poll taken yesterday on Mr John

Anderson's amendments to the Directors

Report, resulted in 512 votes being cast

for the amendments, and 1,956 against

them. The amendments were therefore

declared lost. The original motion—that

the Directors' Report, and Accounts be

passed—was then put and carried, (two only,

Mr John Anderson and Father Courvour,

voting against it. Nearly all the share-

holders, except Directors had then left the

room, while waiting the declaration of the

poll. It should be remembered (says the

*Singapore Free Press*) that voting power is

not directly proportional to the shares held,

the voting power being in favour of the

small holders.

From Shanghai to London.

Mr F. V. Lauder, of Messrs Poole,

Lauder and Co., writes to the *Times* under

date 29th February as follows:—It may be

of interest to you to hear that our senior

partner, Mr Geo. T. Poole, arrived yester-

day, 8 a.m. (Sunday), at Victoria. He

left Shanghai on February 7, per *s.s.**Mogul*. Leaving the Japanese fleet,

arrived at Dalny February 9, 8.30 a.m.,

while Port Arthur was being attacked;

the mail train, arrived at Irkutsk

February 18 after great difficulty in cross-

ing Lake Baikal on a sledge; arrived in

Moscow 26 hours late, lost the train three

times having to show his passport to the

police; had to spend a day, then left for

home, via Berlin. Even then he only took

21 days to get from Shanghai to London.

Insurance Commission.

At the Supreme Court to-day, before

His Honour Mr T. Sercombe Smith, act-

ing Puisne Judge, Fung Wai Shan sued

the Tak On Insurance Company for \$10,000.

Mr J. Hastings appeared for the plaintiff,

while Mr D. V. Stevenson (of Messrs

Descon, Looker and Descon) represented

the defendant. Mr Hastings said that

plaintiff was an insurance broker, and

was engaged by the defendant Com-

pany to secure shareholders. For

each shareholder taking shares to the

value of \$40,000, plaintiff was to receive

\$100 for life. He induced two gentlemen

to subscribe \$40,000 each, but at the

beginning of this year the defendant

Company advised him to secure another

position as the Company was not pro-

fitable. Plaintiff did so, and now sued

for \$10,000 as damages. Defendants alleged

want of consideration, stating that shares

to the amount of \$90,000 were not secured

by plaintiff. The case was not concluded

when we went to press.

Little Elsie.—Do you love me very much,

mamma? Mamma (a widow).—Yes, my

darling. Little Elsie.—Then why don't

you marry the man at the sweetie shop?

The children had written compositions on

the giraffe. They were reading them aloud

to the class. As length the time came

for Little Willie to read his. It was as

follows:—The giraffe is a dumb animal

and cannot express itself by any sound,

because its back is too long that its voice

gets lost on its way to its mouth.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Italian Scandal.

From Berlin comes news that the

Italian Budget Committee has discovered

grave irregularities in the administration

of Signor Nasi, the late Minister for Educa-

tion. A thorough investigation is to be

made, and a Committee has been nominat-

ed for that purpose.

Canada Wants a Navy.

According to reports from New York,

General the Earl of Dundonald, command-

ing the Canadian Militia, has made de-

mands upon Parliament for the duplication

of the Militia, the augmentation of the

Artillery, and the institution of a Navy for

coast defence. The Canadian Parliament

will probably agree to these proposals.

Selecting her Mausoleum.

According to the *N.Y. Daily News*, a

Peking letter states that the Empress

Dowager has announced her intention to go

to the Eastern Imperial Mausolea some

time next May ostensibly to sacrifice to the

manes of the previous sovereigns and their

consorts of this dynasty entombed there,

but really to select a propitious spot for the

erection of her own mausoleum. As a

matter of fact the Empress has already

started building such an edifice for her aunt

in the vicinity of the Western Mausolea,

but it would seem that her Majesty does

not like the environment.

Chinese Customs Returns.

The *N.Y. Daily News* says:—We

have to thank the Statistical Department

of the Customs for a copy of Part I of the

*Report of Trade and Trade Reports for the**Year 1903*, containing the Annual Report

on the Trade of China, by Mr H. B. Morse,

Statistical Secretary, and Abstract of

Statistics. As we showed recently in our

review of the Customs Returns for the last

quarter of 1903, the revenue for the year,

notwithstanding the falling-off in the sec-

ond, third, and fourth quarters, shows a

total gain over 1902 of between 500,000

and 600,000 taels, the total collection from

all sources, *Tai*, 30,530,688, being the lar-

gest on record.

Lady Ridgeway's Farewell to Ceylon.

When Sir West and Lady Ridgeway

were leaving Kandy in November last, a

deputation from



## WESLEYAN GARRISON AND NAVAL CHURCH.

## Re-Opening Service.

A correspondent writes:—Easter Sunday was a red-letter day in the history of this church. The church has been closed for the last four months for the purpose of enlargement. Twenty feet have been added to its length and the addition of the side aisles completes the original design of the church. The architect, Mr. A. Denison, A.M.I.C.E., and the builder, Mr. Kio Tuck, are to be congratulated on a fine piece of work carried out punctually on the day.

On Sunday morning, every available seat was occupied. There were just over four hundred soldiers and sailors present. These, with a hundred civilians, made up a congregation of five hundred—a seating capacity double what it was before this extension was carried out. The preacher for the day was the Rev. T. W. Pearce, L.M.S. In a few introductory and congratulatory remarks, Mr. Pearce spoke of the happy coincidence of the opening day of the church being Easter Sunday. The two main thoughts were Easter joy and Easter duty. Through the kindness of the Colonel and officers of the Sherwood Foresters, the band of that regiment was present under the leadership of Bandmaster Bradley.

Mr. Pearce preached again in the evening to a good congregation. The collections taken were the largest on record for this church. The day was bright and the happiest auspices this enlarged church has entered upon a new life.

The opening service will be continued next Sunday, when the Rev. C. H. Hickling will preach in the morning at 10.15 a.m. and the Rev. W. Biddle in the evening at 6 o'clock.

## ARE NEWSBOYS HAWKERS?

## A Strange Prosecution.

At the Magistrate's day, before Mr. J. H. Kemp, two newsboys were charged with hawking newspapers without a license. The prosecution was made under Ordinance 21 of 1887.

Chinese Constable 350 deposed that he saw one of the boys selling newspapers outside the King Edward Hotel on March 26.

Mr. T. H. Reid (*China Mail*) suggested that the witness be asked as to how the boys conducted themselves, as the case did not turn on the question of license only, there being other points that required elucidation.

Mr. Kemp said that the whole point was whether they were hawkers. As yet he was not satisfied that they were, and intended to adjourn the case.

Chinese Constable 358 deposed that he saw the boys selling papers. They went up to hotel guests and passing people offering them newspapers. They obstructed the hotel guests by stopping them and asking them to buy the papers.

Mr. Kemp remarked that he did not think that constituted a nuisance. It was a recognised thing at home for newspaper vendors to offer their papers to passers-by. The fact that so many boys were engaged in selling newspapers showed that it was a convenience for the public.

Mr. Reid said that the question had arisen before. Three or four newsboys had been driven away from the Peak tram station. He consulted Captain Lyons on the subject, putting the matter in passing by. The fact that he was a fair light, and Captain Lyons said that in his opinion it was not necessary for the boys to have licenses, and gave instructions to the police not to arrest the boys.

Mr. Kemp suggested that Mr. Reid should consult the present Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. Bodeley.

Mr. Reid said he had done so, but Mr. Bodeley did not see it in the same light. The boys were carrying out what Captain Lyons had given them permission to.

Mr. Kemp—Yes, that was only the opinion of the present Captain Superintendent of Police, and does not affect the present case. However, I will take it into consideration in case of a conviction.

Mr. Reid said that the newspaper proprietors were not interested in the case. He had attended on behalf of the boy, as he considered it unfair that he should be arrested, after permission had been granted. He was willing to believe that the police had no desire to restrict the sale of newspapers, but wished to put down certain nuisances that might arise. At the same time, he pointed out that newsboys all over the world, as his Worship had remarked, were allowed to approach people for the purpose of selling newspapers, and it seemed to him strange that Hongkong should be the only municipality in the world where license would be required.

Mr. Kemp said the only question was whether the boys were hawkers or not. He remanded the further hearing until Friday next at 10 a.m.

## BRITISH NAVAL WORKS IN THE EAST.

In the course of the discussion on the Navy Estimates, Mr. Arthur, in defending a somewhat free expenditure on works, pointed out that one lesson taught by the war in the Far East was that the unfortunate position of the Russian fleet was due not so much to lack of fighting power as to the want of facilities for shelter, especially from torpedo attacks.

Mr. Gibson Bowles said the works at Hongkong were, he was informed, a stupendous mistake, the wrong site having been selected for the dockyard. He really did not know what to say about Wei-hai-wei. It was supposed to be an answer to Port Arthur, but he did not know how that appeared in the light of recent events. There was a great deal of money being spent on hospitals and canteens; certainly it was a costly station it did not require a hospital or a canteen.

Mr. J. Walton asked for information as to the item of £23,000 for the dredging of Wei-hai-wei.

Mr. Lee said he had already explained the reason for the Government's expenditure on Wei-hai-wei. It had been the original intention of the Government to establish Wei-hai-wei as a fortified port, but later it had been decided to hold it as a British station in China, where ships of the fleet could go in bad weather as a kind of anchorage.

Mr. Flynn strongly condemned the proposed expenditure of £23,000 at Wei-hai-wei, which it was acknowledged, was valueless as a naval base.

The votes were subsequently passed.

## JAPANESE AFFAIRS.

## FOREIGNERS AND THE WAR TAXES.

## The Government and the Diet.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tokio, March 19.

A matter of great importance as a question of international law, which will probably lead to some correspondence and perhaps some trouble in the future, has cropped up. At a conference between representatives of the Japanese Government and the leading members of the different political parties of the Diet, which, by the way, His Majesty the Emperor, exercising his Imperial prerogative, has summoned for to-morrow, instead of for next month, as it was intimated a month ago he would do, a draft of the War Budget was submitted for the consideration of the party leaders. It is estimated that the expense of the war, up to the end of the next fiscal year, that is until March 31, 1905, will be 170 million yen. This sum is broadly divided into three principal items, viz., Disbursements already authorised by the Emperor, 156 million; Extraordinary disbursements for war purposes, 380 million; Extraordinary Budget fund, 40 million. To provide this sum, recourse will be had to the following mentioned sources:—(1) Increased taxation, 63 million; (2) Surplus, 42 million; (3) Advances from special accounts, 50 million; (4) Public loans and temporary accommodations, 411,000,000. It is explained that the item, "Disbursements already authorised by the Emperor," means the amounts which the Government, in order to be prepared for the war which seemed inevitable (parasitism which has already caused Russia so much discomfiture), apportioned under authority of Imperial Ordinance issued last year. The appropriation of funds and the ordinance itself will be submitted to the Diet for the purpose of obtaining constitutional sanction for the disbursement. Only a little over one-third of the sum allotted, that is less than sixty million yen, has actually been expended. The discussion of the ways and means of securing the required money appears to be entirely reasonable, and it is probably not too much to say that even this great sum will not be grievously felt by the nation, although we know that heavy exactions of gold are beginning to show that the war is costing Japan.

The items in the general head of Revenue from Increased Taxation, which seems to be big with possibilities for future trouble, are the Land, the Business, and the Income Taxes, for to each one of these the foreigners in Japan contribute, and to the second and third their contributions are a very material part of the entire sums collected under these heads, being entirely out of proportion to their numbers. It is proposed to increase the rate of the land-tax upon residential properties in cities and towns (where are the only holdings of aliens) to 5.5 per cent, in districts and villages to 3.5 per cent, and upon all other land (that, of course, includes farms) to 2.0 per cent. The current Business Tax is to be increased by 70 per cent, and the Income Tax by the same amount. These are confessedly War Taxes, and it is distinctly provided in her treaties with other nations that aliens are exempt from such taxes; yet it has been plainly intimated that these taxes are to be demanded of all foreigners residing in Japan. It may be that those foreigners who are here solely for commercial purposes may, through their diplomatic representatives, protest against the levy and succeed in making their protest heard, but the large numbers of foreigners who are in the service of the Japanese Government, Central or Prefectural, will be compelled to pay or lose their positions, not exactly a fair thing. When one realises that of the five and one-quarter million yen to be derived from the war levy of the income tax, a large percentage is looked for from foreigners, the successful resistance will make a considerable deficit. It would be good policy for the Japanese Government to refrain from demanding any war taxes from foreigners; to insist upon collecting them will certainly have a tendency to close certain purses that are now flourishing large contributions to assist the Japanese cause, and it is probable that the ultimate, indirect, loss in that way will be greater than the revenue to be derived from the taxes.

As was foreshadowed in my former letter, it is pleasingly manifest that the coming extra session of the Diet is to be marked by that perfect harmony between Government and Representatives that was so unpleasantly absent during the four hours that the last session lived. There have already been held meetings of the members of the several political parties, and at each one of them has been heard nothing but expressions of one duty, that is to stand squarely by the Government during this crisis, and to render promptly and cheerfully whatever assistance is in their power to afford. So unanimous is this, that it is perfectly patent the coming session is to be a purely perfunctory matter of voting supplies asked by the Government, confirming disbursements of public funds already made, and passing the bills necessary to raise the money. But precisely the same thing happened just ten years ago, and if the Government leaders flatter themselves that history is not going to repeat itself in other matters, they are making a grievous mistake. When the war is ended—let us hope and pray that moment may soon come with only success to Japan's arms—there is going to be a demand for explanation and accounting that is likely to be exceedingly embarrassing. I am perhaps a trifle too free in saying that this session of the Diet is to be entirely perfunctory, because there are not wanting indications of a display of greater intelligence than such acts would presuppose.

In a speech which Mr. Kato, leader of the Seiyun-Kai (Constitutional Party), made to his followers at his residence on the 16th instant, he commented at some length upon a phrase that has come to be very popular during the past few weeks; it is *hyo-ko-ko-ko*, that is "the whole country as one," and it is made that such now the one Japanese people must have but one thought, win this war. It is a matter of course, but the Marquis declares that intelligence must govern the acts of individuals and of the nation as well, and he insists that it is as evidence of reasonable intelligence blindly to do the bidding of the Government, even at a critical moment as this. Besides, the Constitutional party, by unanimous vote after a mollifying amendment had been rejected, indicated to the Government what may be expected hereafter, in the resolution which declares, in part, that in view of the existing circumstances, the party decides to defer its demand for explanation and for complete settlement of questions that must be long be answered to the entire satisfaction of the people. The Socialists, too, while frankly deprecating the war, and denying its justice, consent to refrain from criticism now that the strength of the nation is arrayed against Russia, but they do insist upon a go to all lengths, and will be heard, undoubtedly, when the war is over.

## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 4.

The week has been eventless in the course of the war, but the opinion is gaining force that Russia is slowly but inevitably paying the penalty for bluff and lack of preparation. Alexieff must have assured the Tsar that under no circumstances would Japan fight, and that postponement and evasion, sharpened by bullying, would dispose of all Japanese resistance. Now that the Pacific navy of Russia is wiped out, the Japanese are in the position of carrying on war in close proximity to the sea and their base, while the Russians are thousands of miles from theirs. Japan can land troops where she will and can retreat to the sea again if opposed in overwhelming strength, while Russia can deliver no direct attack without the enemy's permission. Japan will reduce the seaports, Port Arthur and Vladivostok, but will probably make no attempt to emulate Lord Roberts' procession to Pretoria, for an advance in force to Mukden and Harbin. Such a march would take her away from her base and have little permanent effect. Without heroic measures, starvation may be trusted to fight on the side of Japan, and steady concentration with the harassing of the rail railway line will pay better than an Austerlitz.

There is a wild suggestion that Russia may regard Korea as a Power within the meaning of the Franco-Russian alliance of 1902, and may claim the help of France on the ground that she is now attacked by two enemies. France will not accept the definition or the responsibility of interference. We have never for the last twenty years been on better terms with France than at present. All responsible French opinion has recognised the scrupulous correctness of Britain's attitude since the outbreak of hostilities, and, as her intervention would absolutely compel our coming to the assistance of Japan, her Pacific fleet would soon go the way of her ally's ships if she held that the coercion of Korea brought her into the field.

Yesterday was the twenty-seventh birthday of the Duke of Manchester, a descendant of the earl who led the forces of the Parliament in the Civil War, and of the Whig earl who was made first Duke of Manchester for his support of the Hanoverian cause in the reign of George I. The title means "leader," so that it is fitting that we should see one duke leading the army, while another duke leads the Unionist Free Traders and the rest of them, like the Dukes of Roxburgh and Manchester, lead fair American brides to the altar. Mr. Chamberlain is not a duke, but he set this example of the most charming way of thinking even a little more widely than "imperially."

Another duke, the Duke of Marlborough, is likely to succeed the Earl of Dudley as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. He is fortunate in having an exceedingly popular wife with any amount of money, no small assistance in taking up a post where the salary is £250,000 a year, and the necessary expense £30,000 a year, probably even more when a Royal visit takes place.

To-morrow, we have the polling for the London County Council, and party newspapers are trying hard to stir up electors to enthusiasm for or against the Progressive party, which has always ruled the Council. The continued apathy is almost inexplicable. Public Health, Housing, Education, Street Improvement and the Fire Brigade—these are questions that should touch the citizen more nearly than party politics, yet out of a population of 5,000,000 it is unlikely that many more than 500,000 will take the trouble to record their votes; even though the use or the misuse of the Education Act depends on the result of the poll.

Of the twenty-two West-End theatres in London now open, eleven are showing Musical Comedy or pantomime, five comedy of various kinds and only six serious drama. One has *Roméo and Juliet*, but will withdraw it to-morrow in favour of Comedy. Popular taste seems to have veered since it was said that Englishmen took their pleasures easily. Shakespeare gives no profit unless with star actors or lavish mounting.

There's one thing the women can't get into, said the anti-woman suffragist. What's that? cried a chorus of feminine voices. The secret service.

## VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

## Athletic Sports.

Patrons:—His Excellency Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.; His Excellency Major-General Villiers Hutton, C.B.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, R.N., and Commodore C. G. Dickson, R.N.

Committee:—Mr. Arthur Chapman, Chairman; Messrs W. Armstrong, W. S. Bailey, G. A. Caldwell, W. A. Crake, E. M. Hazeldun, W. G. Humphreys, Thos. Meek, E. W. Mitchell, and A. Rodger.

Judges:—Messrs W. Armstrong, Lieut. J. P. Shipton, R.N., E. W. Mitchell, Lieut. Macdonald, P.O.A., and A. Rodger.

Handicappers:—Messrs T. Meek, F. W. White, Dr. F. H. Kew, and Lieut. Macdonald, R.G.A.

Clerks of the Course:—Messrs F. Lamert, W. A. Crake, R. H. B. Mitchell, and T. Meek.

Starters:—Mr. G. A. Caldwell and E. M. Hazeldun.

Timekeeper:—Mr. R. H. Stephenson.

Lap Scorers:—Mr. F. W. White and Mr. C. E. A. Hance.

Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. R. H. B. Mitchell.

Acting Hon. Secretary:—Mr. Harold C. Austen.

The Victoria Recreation Club's annual athletic sports took place yesterday at Happy Valley. The weather was dull and showery, which detracted somewhat from the success of the meeting. The Committee and officials are to be congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements and the Steward of the Club, Mr. Leslie, deserves a word of commendation.

The Secretary was everywhere, and fulfilled his duties well.

The results are as follow:—

LONG JUMP (Three Trials).—First prize presented by Messrs David Sassoon, Sons and Co., second prize presented.

R. Hancock ... .. 1  
J. H. Arthur ... .. 2  
J. H. Mitchell ... .. 3

Distance, 17 ft. 9 in.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Three Trials).—First prize presented by the Hongkong Cricket Club; second prize presented.

R. Hancock ... .. 1  
N. H. Rutherford ... .. 2  
Distance, 1.92 yards; 2.90 yards.

HIGH JUMP (Three Trials).—First prize presented by T. Gochman, Esq.; second prize presented.

J. H. Mitchell ... .. 1  
S. C. Rees ... .. 2  
Height: 1 ft. 6 in.; 2 ft. 4 in. 11 in.

120 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap).—First prize presented by Mr. J. R. M. Smith; second prize presented. (31 Entries); Previous winners were—1898, J. M. V. dos Remedios; 1899, Lieut. F. H. Hall; and 1900, R. L. Taylor. First and second in each heat to run in the final.

FINAL.

R. Pestonji ... .. 1  
J. H. R. Hance ... .. 2  
Time, 13 sec.

BIKE RACE. One Mile (Handicap).—Start in saddle. First prize presented; second prize presented.

H. C. Austen (scratch) ... .. 1  
J. H. Mitchell (30 yards) ... .. 2  
J. Forster (40 yards) ... .. 3  
Time, 2 min. 45 sec.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE (Challenge Cup).—Presented by Dr. F. H. Kew. To be won three years before becoming the property of a Competitor. First prize presented by the China Sugar Refinery Club; second presented. (25 Entries); First and second in each heat to run in the final. Previous winner—F. H. Kew.

FINAL.

J. P. Jordan ... .. 1  
H. Hancock ... .. 2  
J. H. R. Hance ... .. 3  
Time, 11 sec.

TEAM-WAR (Open to Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Army and Police (Indian). Each regiment or Corps could enter one team only, eight men a side. To be pulled over 15 ft. Best of three pulls. No spikes or nails allowed. No sitting down. No holes to be dug in the ground before pulling. Prizes presented.

Hongkong and Singapore Battalion Royal Artillery ... .. 1

BIKE RACE: Two Miles (Handicap).—Start in saddle. First prize presented by F. W. White, Esq.; third prize presented.

H. C. Austen (scratch) ... .. 1  
J. H. Mitchell (100 yards) ... .. 2  
Time, 5 min. 45 sec.

HALF-MILE FLAT RACE (Scratch).—First and second prizes presented by the Taihook Club.

A. Humphreys ... .. 1  
J. J. Watson ... .. 2  
Time, 2 min. 15 sec.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE (100 Kilo).—First winners at Hongkong or elsewhere to be penalised 25 yards. First prize presented by A. Denison, Esq.; second prize presented by W. Crake, Esq. (20 Entries).

FINAL.

H. Hancock ... .. 1  
J. P. Jordan ... .. 2  
Time, 1 min. 45 sec.

220 YARDS FLAT (Handicap).—First prize presented by Commodore C. G. Dickson, R.N.; second prize presented by W. Armstrong, Esq. (30 Entries).

FINAL.

F. K. Tata ... .. 1  
H. P. Weppell ... .. 2  
Time, 25 sec.

TENNIS-LEAGUE RACE (100 Yards).—First prize presented by Hart Buck, Esq.; second prize presented.

A. J. V. Ribeiro and A. V. Barros 1

TEAM-WAR (Open to Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Navy, Army and Police). Each Ship, Regiment or Corps might enter one team only, eight men a side. To be pulled over 15 ft. Best of three pulls. No spikes or nails allowed. No sitting down. No holes to be dug in the ground before pulling. Prizes presented.

78th Co. Royal Garrison Artillery 1

GLASS RACE (100 Yards).—First prize presented by Commodore C. G. Dickson, R.N.; second prize presented by W. Armstrong, Esq. (30 Entries).

POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN. Will take place later on the Cricket Ground.

SACK RACE (50 Yards).—First prize presented by C. A. Tomes, Esq.; second prize presented.

R. Eas ... .. 1  
E. W. White ... .. 2

OVER MINE FLAT RACE (Handicap).—First prize presented by H. E. Major-General Sir Villiers Hutton, C.B.; second prize presented.

A. Humphreys (scratch) ... .. 1  
Ward ... .. 2  
Time, 4 min. 50.15 sec.

120 YARDS VETERANS' RACE (Handicap).—Competitors to be over 40 years of age, and not less than ten years' residence in Hongkong, China, or the tropics. 4 yards start to be given for each year over 35 years of age. First prize presented by the Hon. Sir C. P. Chang, C.M.G.; second prize presented. (20 Entries).

FINAL.

H. Hancock ... .. 1  
J. H. Arthur ... .. 2  
Time, 14.15 sec.

440 YARDS FLAT RACE (Challenge Cup).—To be won two years before becoming the property of a Competitor. First prize presented by H. N. Moly, Esq.; second prize presented by R. C. Austen, Esq. (25 Entries).

FINAL.

A. Humphreys ... .. 1  
J. H. Mitchell ... .. 2  
Time, 50 sec.

OVERSEA RACE. First prize presented by R. W. Mitchell, Esq.; second prize presented.

H. Arthur ... .. 1  
S. D. Blair ... .. 2  
Time, 1 min. 7.15 sec.

BOYS' RACE, 440 YARDS (Handicap).—Post entries before 2 p.m. Open to all boys over 12 and under 16. Handicap at the post, age to be stated on entry. First and second prizes presented by R. H. Mitchell, Esq.

Majad ... .. 1  
Juzuan ... .. 2  
Time, 1 min. 7.15 sec.

BIKE RACE: Three Miles (Handicap).—Start in saddle. First prize presented by H. E. Major-General Sir Villiers Hutton, C.B.; second prize presented by Messrs G. Falconer and Company.

H. C. Austen (scratch) ... .. 1  
R. C. Witherell (120 yards) ... .. 2  
Time, 10 min. 13.35 sec.

HALF-MILE FLAT RACE (Open to Soldiers, Sailors, and Police). Entries to be given to the starter not later than 2.15 p.m. First, second, and third prizes presented. (Post entries).

Chalmers ... .. 1  
Stewart ... .. 2  
Forbes ... .. 3  
Time, 2 min. 16.25 sec.

Champion Prize.—Presented by A. Chapman, Esq., to be decided on points, viz.: three points for every first place, two points for every second place, and one point for every third place.

J. H. Mitchell.

REVIEW.

THE DRUM-WAVE ISLAND and other Verses of the China Coast. By B. N. Hongkong: Kelly and Walsh, Limited, 1904.

"Though my lines should only line portmanteaus, Trade will be all the better for these cantos."

Byron, Don Juan.

Amoy is a "twice-blessed" Coast Port. She has had her historians. She now has her poet. A few years ago, certain non-Chinese residents of inquiring mind and literary turn published the "short and simple annals" of this famous place, touching and withal adorning most subjects that come within the purview of European in the Far East, from tiger-hunting to re-planting. Their work is distinctly instructive and useful.

Of the present volume, the best that can be said is that it deserves to meet with a limited and qualified success. "Aut prodere velint aut detestare prodes." We confess ourselves unable to find in the Drum-Wave Island much advantage or pleasure. The poet of Coast Port and Western community life in China has not yet arisen. "Lays of Ind" contains verses not inferior to the best parts of the Ingolids by Legends. But "Lays of Ind" is still a book by itself.

If Professor Wright had not turned Lactococcus, what might he not have done to celebrate in song, worthy of the theme and of his own great, Western life in Eastern regions! When lesser men "drop into poetry," the drop is far down. Our own efforts in rhyme are apt to be "not poetry but prose run mad." We will not, therefore, be censorious, or even unduly severe, for we think "The Drum-Wave Island" calls for more than the passing notice always accorded.

TO-day's Advertisements

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship HAILONG.

Captain GIBSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 8th Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 5, 1904. 658

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship LOONGSANG.

Captain WIGGILL, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 8th Inst., at 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 5, 1904. 664

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship Artemis, Capt. GONZALEZ, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for commencing delivery of the Undersigned, to take place at the delivery of the Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

"Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense."

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, April 5, 1904. 660

## To-day's Advertisements

THERE IS BUT ONE SPEEDICUT High Speed Tool Steel, and that is

FIRTH'S SPEEDICUT

SOLE MAKERS, Thos. Firth & Sons, LIMITED,

Norfolk Works, Sheffield.

Hongkong, January 5, 1904. 20-2

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 29 of 1903.

Notice of Receiving Order and First Meeting of Creditors.

Re LAU YUK LAM, lately trading as California Merchant at No. 24, Wing Wo Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, under the style of Oh Hing.

Receiving Order dated the 17th day of March, 1904.

Position dated the 20th day of November, 1903.

FRIDAY, the 8th day of April, 190



## Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP  
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
LONDON &c	Indra	Noon, 9th April	See Special Advertisement
SHANGHAI	Malta	About 9th April	Freight and Passage.
LONDON & ANTWERP	Malta	About 13th April	Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars apply to P. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,  
Hongkong, March 30, 1904.

## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

OBERSTÄDTISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COLOGNE, BREITENBURG, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRINIDAD, GERMANY, and other ports in the North and South America.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

## FOR HAMBURG

Call at SINGAPORE and CANTON

14th April 1904

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## OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL  
EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST  
AUSTRALIAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	JASON	April 10, Daylight.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	April 10, Daylight.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ALCIBIADES	16th April.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	HYSON	17th April.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PROMETHEUS	24th April.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	DEUCALION	1st May.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ULYSSES	7th May.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	DANAEUS	13th May.

SAILING FROM SINGAPORE on 4th inst., and is due here on 10th inst.

## HOMEWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON & ANTWERP	MACHAON	19th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	IDOMENEUS	14th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TELEMACHUS	26th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	ANTHEUS	10th May.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	20th May.

Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via HONOLULU and YOKOHAMA	JASON	19th April.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, April 5, 1904.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	KALIFONG	8th April.
SHANGHAI	HUNAN	6th April, 4 p.m.
SWATOW AND TIENTSIN	CHILIE	7th April, Noon.
CEBU AND ILOILO	WUCHANG	8th April, 4 p.m.
MANILA, PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	CHINOT	8th April.

\* The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A fully qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze & Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, Single and Return, To Manila and Australian Ports.

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BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, April 5, 1904.

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.—BREMEN.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID

NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; Also

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON

AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND

PASSENGERS AND LOGGERS.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES

IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Sailing Dates, 1904.

HAMBURG ... WEDNESDAY, 12th April.

PRINZ HEINRICH ... WEDNESDAY, 27th April.

OLDENBURG ... WEDNESDAY, 11th May.

BAYERN ... WEDNESDAY, 26th May.

SAETEN ... WEDNESDAY, 26th June.

ZIEHN ... WEDNESDAY, 2nd June.

SEYDLITZ ... WEDNESDAY, 6th July.

ROON ... WEDNESDAY, 20th July.

PREUSSEN ... WEDNESDAY, 3rd Aug.

PRINZ RECENT LUTHER ... WEDNESDAY, 17th Aug.

\* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship

HAMBURG of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Captain BURMEISTER, with MAILS,

PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at

NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 11th April, Cargo

and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 13th April,

and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on Tuesday, the 13th

April.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than

\$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed 175 Cubic Feet in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

## Norddeutscher Lloyd.

For further Particulars, apply to

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NORTHERN PACIFIC S. CO. BOSTON S. CO.

BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers	Tons	Captains	To Sail
LYRA	4417	G. V. William	May 4.
TACOMA	2812	M. Ridley	May 13.
SHAWMUT	9606	W. M. Smith	May 21.

\* Have no Second-class Passenger accommodation. † Cargo only.

## FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

S.S. SHAWMUT, 9606 tons, Capt. W. M. Smith, About 30th April.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND

CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS.

The Twin-screw s.s. Shawmoot and Tyronet have just been fitted with superior

accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels

ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laun-

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PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information, Apply to

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QUEEN'S BUILDINGS,

Hongkong, March 28, 1904.

## Shipping.

## HONGKONG—MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships. Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captains	For	Sailing Dates
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila Direct	April 9, at 10 a.m.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila Direct	April 16, at 10 a.m.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Notley		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Shewan, Tomes &amp; Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, April 2, 1904.

## JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

HEAD AGENT—R. BISSCHOP, 3, DUBBEL STREET, HONGKONG.

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS	JAPAN.	First half of May.	SINGAPORE AND JAVA PORTS.	First half of May.
TJILATJAP	JAVA, VIA MACASSAR.	Second half of April.	JAPAN.	Second half of April.
TJIMAEI	JAPAN.	First half of April.	SINGAPORE AND JAVA PORTS.	First half of April.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands, India on through B/L.

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to

THE AGENTS,

## Holland China Trading Co.

TELEPHONE No. 201.

Hongkong, March 24, 1904.

## FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

ARTEMISIA,

Captain GROENEVELD, will be despatched

for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the

7th April, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Fungking Office.

Hongkong, March 30, 1904.

## EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and

QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through

Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,

TASMANIA, &amp;c.

THE Steamship

AUSTRALIAN,

Captain McARTHUR, will be despatched

for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 8th

April, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially

fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating

Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh

Provisions, Ice, &amp;c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with

the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Sur-

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N.B.—To assure the additional comfort

of passengers the steamers of the Company

have electric fans fitted in state-rooms.

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Hongkong, March 19, 1904.

## AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## STEAM FOR

Fiume and Trieste Direct, Calling at

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,

BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ

AND PORT SAID.

(Taking cargo at through rates to the

BRITISH, to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN

GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT,

VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

TRIESTE,

Captain MECZSKI, will be despatched

above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th April,

p.m.

For information as to Freight or Passage,

apply to

SANDER, WIELER &amp; Co.,

Agents,

Prinze's Building,

Hongkong, March 28, 1904.

## REGULAR

## STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW

## YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL

(With Liberty to Call at Philippine Ports)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

To SAIL, 1904.

SHIMOSA ... About Early May.

For Freight and further information,

Apply to

DODWELL &amp; CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, April 4, 1904.

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